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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR KITIMAT OIL PIPELINE
INQUIRY

REF: VANCOUVER 245

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF MARCH 10 ORDER IN COUNCIL WHICH
ESTABLISHES TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE THOMPSON COMMISSION
INQUIRY INTO TRANSPORTATION OF OIL OFF THE COAST OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA:

QUOTE. WHEREAS A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE BY KITIMAT
PIPE-LINE LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARINE TERMINAL
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AT THE TOWN OF KITIMAT IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
TO FORM PART OF A NEW PIPELINE SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSMISSION
OF OIL FROM KITIMAT TO THE CITY OF EDMONTON IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA;

WHEREAS THE MARINE TERMINAL PROPOSED FOR KITIMAT WILL
RECEIVE OIL SHIPPED TO KITIMAT BY TANKERS FROM ALASKA

AND OTHER POINTS;

WHEREAS PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO RECEIVE OIL SHIPPED
BY TANKERS MOVING ALONG CANADA'S WEST COAST FOR TRANS-
MISSION IN OTHER PIPELINE SYSTEMS;

AND WHEREAS IT IS EXPEDIENT THAT INQUIRY BE MADE
INTO AND CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT
AND NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATION OF A MARINE TERMINAL AT KITIMAT ON CANADA'S
WEST COAST DESIGNED TO RECEIVE OIL SHIPPED BY TANKER
FROM ALASKA AND OTHER POINTS.

THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, ON
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND THE
ENVIRONMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, PURSUANT TO
PART I OF THE INQUIRIES ACT, IS PLEASED HEREBY TO
APPOINT DR. ANDREW R. THOMPSON, OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER
IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA A COMMISSIONER

(A) TO INQUIRE INTO AND CONCERNING AND TO REPORT
UPON

(I) THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REGIONALLY (INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON
FISHERIES) THAT COULD RESULT FROM THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE TANKER ROUTE AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A MARINE TERMINAL (DEEP
WATER OIL PORT) AT KITIMAT, B. C.;

(II) NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY AND RELATED MATTERS
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ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
MARINE TANKER ROUTE AND CONSTRUCTION OF
A MARINE TERMINAL AT KITIMAT, B. C.; AND

(III) THE BROADER CONCERNS AND ISSUES RELATED TO
OIL TANKER MOVEMENTS ON THE WEST COAST AS
MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL; AND

(B) TO REPORT UPON REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO HIM
CONCERNING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH
SHOULD BE IMPOSED, IF AUTHORITY IS GIVEN TO
ESTABLISH A MARINE TERMINAL AT KITIMAT, ON THE
SIZE, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION THEREOF AND
ON THE SIZE, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
TANKERS IN THE APPROACHES THERETO.

THE COMMITTEE IS FURTHER PLEASED TO ADVISE THAT
DR. THOMPSON BE AUTHORIZED

(A) TO HOLD HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER AT

SUCH PLACES IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA AND AT SUCH TIMES AS HE MAY DECIDE
FROM TIME TO TIME;

(B) TO ADOPT SUCH PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL
PURPOSES OF THE INQUIRY AS HE FROM TIME TO TIME
DEEMS EXPEDIENT FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT
THEREOF;

(C) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE INQUIRY, TO ENGAGE
THE SERVICES OF SUCH ACCOUNTANTS, ENGINEERS,
TECHNICAL ADVISERS, OR OTHER EXPERTS, CLERKS
REPORTERS AND ASSISTANTS AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY

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(D) TO EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON HIM
BY SECTION 11 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT AND BE
ASSISTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT BY GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES; AND

(E) TO RENT SUCH SPACE FOR OFFICES AND HEARINGS
AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY AT SUCH RENTAL RATES
AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE TREASURY BOARD.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER ADVISES THAT DR. THOMPSON BE
DIRECTED TO REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND THE
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ENVIRONMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT BEFORE THE
END OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND TO FILE WITH THE DOMINION
ARCHIVIST THE PAPERS AND RECORDS OF THE INQUIRY AS SOON
AS MAY BE REASONABLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION THEREOF.
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